



State Epidemiology Outcomes Workgroup

Thursday, July 3, 2008
9-11 a.m.
Room 314

In Attendance: Ed Ho, Steve Harrison, Verne Larsen, Christy Poruznik, Barbara Sullivan, Stacy Eddings, Brenda Ahlemann, Tricia Winder, Jeff Smart
Excused: Craig PoVey, Ben Reaves

Minutes

I. Welcome

II. Review Minutes

- ◆ Christy motioned to approve both the June and March SEOW minutes. Verne seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

III. Review Action Items

- ◆ Steve will review 6-state adult risk factor data.

IV. Steve/Brenda Report from DC meeting

- ◆ Discussion about how Utah will sustain SEOW once funds go away. Utah has been preparing for this since receiving the funds.
- ◆ All power point presentations from the meeting are online.
- ◆ All states are struggling to get adult consumption data.
- ◆ Steve was encouraged to keep collecting data, even though it may not be useful to SPF.
- ◆ Many SEOW's send quarterly newsletters to give and update on what they are doing.
- ◆ Purpose of the meeting was to give other states ideas for SEOW tasks while not working on the profile.
- ◆ Other SEOW's put together policy briefs for legislature, facts sheets, project outcomes from SPF SIG, monitoring system for emerging data changes, etc...
- ◆ CEWG – Community Epidemiological Workgroups – very few across nation; look at trends; may have some access to data that could be useful to us.
- ◆ CSTE – Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists – looking more at injury and overdose; Bob Rolphs – Utah State Epidemiologist.
- ◆ Ed suggested looking into contracting someone to keep the Epi Profile going, or hiring a full-time SEOW person.

- ◆ Ed also suggested putting information out to the public about the SEOW.
- ◆ It was suggested that we start putting out fact sheets and data reports as a starting point.

Action Item:

- ◆ Steve will forward a link to the presentation power points.
- ◆ Brenda will forward a chart that was presented on gaps analysis.
- ◆ Susannah will follow-up with the Division about a SEOW position, and SEOW fact sheets on the Division site.
- ◆ Ed will get Susannah contact information for other states that have been successful in hiring a SEOW position.

V. BRFSS review

- ◆ The Rx drug question will be funded for one more year (two more years of survey).
- ◆ Should we submit additional questions? (Proposals are due 29th of this month).
- ◆ Ed suggested including a question to find out if the medication is used for a purpose other than prescribed.
- ◆ Barbara suggested including a question about doctor shopping, and if the doctor adequately educated the patient about the drug (long term effects, interactions, etc...); How many doctors prescribe medications to you?
- ◆ Brenda suggested contacting the agency that is submitting the questions, and tack on to their proposal.
- ◆ Ed can help coming up with questions to submit.
- ◆ Follow-up to #6; What did they do with left over medication?

Action Item:

- ◆ Susannah will email everyone about the BRFSS questions, and pulling together a workgroup to draft questions for submission.

VI. New chair

- ◆ Steve volunteered to be new SEOW chair.

VII. Other Items

- ◆ Barbara said, "Thank you" to Brenda and Christy for help.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 14, 2008 9am; Room 314